

Open to Public View

Observatory Installs Seismograph Recorder

Modern seismographs which can record earthquakes anywhere in the world have been installed at Griffith Park Observatory and are open to the public, it was announced by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

"This will be the first time, to our knowledge, that Southern California will have a modern operating seismological station in an institution open to the public," Dr. Clarence H. Clemminshaw, observatory director, said.

Known as a variable-reluctance type, the instrument was originally designed by Dr. Hugo Benioff for the Cal-Tech Seismological Station.

THE PRINCIPAL instrument, located on a concrete pier poured on solid rock under the building, will write two records: one for short period waves to record local earthquakes within 600 miles;

the other to show distant earthquakes to the best advantage. Two pens record the earth's vibrations on drums in the Hall of Science.

To illustrate the complete system, an identical seismograph has been installed on the Observatory floor and will record on a separate drum. This will permit observers to watch the writing of a record of their walking on the floor.

DR. CLEMINSHAW pointed out that the equipment has been tested in the basement of the Observatory and earthquakes have been recorded in Fontana, Northern California, Alaska, Chile, and Afghanistan.

Most of the \$13,000 cost of equipment was financed from gifts from anonymous donor, however, the special equipment necessary for the writing of a visible record and the installation was done by Observatory personnel.

Air Force Seeks Former Servicemen for Classes

An unlimited number of former Air Force men may get back into uniform during the next months if they meet the qualifications, T/Sgt. Raymond Stauble said today.

Sgt. Stauble, local Air Force recruiter, said 200 men may leave almost immediately for training courses lasting from 32 to 46 weeks.

The majority of openings, Sgt. Stauble said, are in radio and radar equipment career fields.

Noting this is the first time in recent years that the Air Force has made such opportunities available for former servicemen, Sgt. Stauble said vacancies may not exist after June 30.

He urged former servicemen to contact him at the local recruiting station, Cabrillo Ave., or telephone FA 8-1404 for detailed information.

Garden Checklist

1. The right tools make gardening easy, so make sure you have the correct ones for the jobs you'll be doing now.
2. This is a good time to put in new lawns. If the area now has a heavy weed crop, spray first with the weed killer your nurseryman recommends. Cultivate the soil to a depth of 9-12 inches and work in adequate quantities of organic matter.
3. Fill out your color scheme with dependable, free-flowering geraniums. Shop for them in bloom now and get the colors you want. Give them a light, sandy well-drained soil, feed plants in pots once a month, those in open ground about every two months. Don't give geraniums too much water. Keep them moist but not soggy.
4. When buying annuals, get enough of the same color and variety to give a showy effect. Remember that twice as many plants give ten times as much impact.
5. After camellia flowers fade, prepare plants for spring growth. Remove faded flowers, prune plants that need shaping, feed with specially prepared camellia fertilizer and add a 2-inch mulch of peat moss or ground bark. Start a regular watering schedule now.
6. Set out herbs now. Several kinds make excellent shrubs and ground covers so ask your nurseryman to recommend some that will ornament as well as season. Set out fresh young parsley plants this week.



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